

NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting

October 3, 2007 MINUTES

Location: Newton City Hall Cafeteria

Present: Joe DeVito (Chair), Matt Green, Joanne Kazarian, Officer Jim O'Doughlin, Stephanie Pelkowsky, Stephen Ross, John Staulo, Robert Staulo, Sharon O. Stout, Kirsten Tuohy
STUDENTS: Greg Kelley, Kira Mascho, Theresa Staulo

Regrets: Anthony Bibbo, Richard Dyer, Donna Gordon, Peter Harrington, Lisa Langone, Terance Sack, Katie Sanders

Staff: Beverly Droz, Director, Human and Volunteer Services

Guests: Devin Perry (NNHS student)

The meeting was opened at 7:05pm.

Introductions were made and NNHS student Devin Perry was welcomed. Devin had attended a meeting last year before going to Florida to school. He has now moved back here and would like to join the Youth Commission.

A motion to approve minutes of September 5, 2007 was passed.

A motion was made and passed to appoint Devin Perry as a Student Advisor.

Youth Foundation Sub-Committee:

Joe is following up with Alderman Vicky Danberg and will have more to report at next meeting.

Programs:

Autumn Invasion:

Autumn Invasion is coming up Sunday, October 21. Bev gave a brief overview that we had a small planning committee meeting on 9/20/07 and we are still in process of lining up raffle items, food and bands. There are two performers to date; we need six to fill the noon to 4pm opening. We'll arrive at 10:30am for set-up and will stay for clean-up afterward.

The students will continue to outreach and line up the performers, as well as raffle items. Bev and Donna Gordon are following up with the food contributors. Bev is sending out calendar announcements to the TAB and we will participate in the Mayor's Press Conference on 10/15/07. Stephanie is contacting New TV.

There was discussion about the big TV screen idea from Best Buy but the issues are arranging transportation, wiring needs, and no insurance if something happens. We'll opt to just focus on the bands and food. Bev will send an email to students that they can use as a basis for band solicitation.

We'll have another planning meeting Oct. 17 or 18; Bev will email information to confirm

Possible Youth Summit

Bev had met with Linda Walden who is working on a possible grant for the Barry Boys & Girls Club to have a city-wide Youth Summit, perhaps in spring 2008. It would be a perfect match for the Youth Commission to be involved with. Bev will keep the Commission posted if it make progress.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, NOVEMBER 7 at 7:00pm in the City Hall cafeteria.